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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS (#97)

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FRIDAY

ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers" --

ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: Ranger Song

ANNOUNCER:

In many of our National Forests this week, the rangers are supervising the moving of Civilian Conservation Corps camps back to their summer locations in the high country. This week the second year of the Civilian Conservation Corps begins. With 200 men in each Camp, more than 300,000 young men will be working for the safeguarding and improvement of the forests and watersheds of the United States. With the aid of the C.C.C. the Forest Service expects to make great strides in "protecting, developing, and perpetuating existing forests;" in "preventing soil erosion which aggravates damage from floods," and in "establishing new, and reestablishing old, forests." Many of the C.C.C. boys have re-enrolled for another six months in the camps. Today they are experienced; their morale is high for they now have a job; their bodies are strong as a result of hard work and three square meals a day. - And the boys are signing up to replace those who left. This week Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant Jerry Quick have been making plans for the reopening of Camp Robbins, the C.C.C. camp in the Pine Cone District. An hour ago the C.C.C. boys, 200 strong, arrived in Willow Glen enroute from their winter camp location. Their special cars were switched from the main line to Winding Creek via the logging railroad of the Winding Creek lumber company. Ranger Jim and Jerry just dashed down to the station to meet the train as it comes in. And here they are:



JIM: Haven't heard anything from that train yet. Also time now
was whistlin' down in the canyon.

JERRY: Yeah. I guess it must be a little late. - All the dump
trucks are lined up in a row by the depot. They look like
real business don't they?

JIM: Uh-huh. I told Ernie to park the Forest Service trucks at
this end where they will be close to the head end of the
train. We'll load them with equipment and put the men on
the Army trucks.

JERRY: Two, four, six, um um - twenty four of them. That's quite a
fleet. Will they be able to take everything in one trip?

(SOUND OF DISTANT WHISTLE)

JIM: There she is now - only about ten minutes late. Yeah, we can
move all the men and their duffle and maybe some food over like
the first trip. The tents went up yesterday --

JERRY: Do you suppose they can get camp all up today?

JIM: Oh yes, easily. The tents will go right back on the same
frames they used last year. It won't take long to have
things in shape again this time, - Dave Parsons is going to
be camp superintendent again this year -

JERRY: Good.

JIM: He and one of the Army men've been up there this week to see
if everything was all right. He says the snow broke down
part of the roof of the mess hall but outside of that,
everything came through the winter pretty good.

JERRY: It won't take 'em long to get that fixed.



JIM: Nope. They've already got the lumber up there for it, and they've got lumber for a new bath house too.

JERRY: That'll be swell. - I s'pose they'll want you to give the boys a speech of welcome first evening they have a get-together. They named the camp after you, you know, and all the boys've sort of adopted you as the daddy of the whole crowd.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yep I s'pose I'd better - It will be an entirely new bunch of boys.

JERRY: How do you know they're all new?

JIM: Well, new to this forest - I understand those who have been a full year in the corps have got to step out and give others a chance. So the boys who were here last summer will not be back.

JERRY: And we'll have all that training work we did last summer to go over again.

JIM: Not necessarily all of it. About half of them have now had six months experience. They at least know how to work.

JERRY: Yeah but probably not in our kind of work.

JIM: Well if they're as quick to take hold as the boys we had last summer --

JERRY: That was a good bunch of kids, wasn't it?

JIM: So we'll want to start training them in fire protection the first thing, and I'll want to be tellin' 'em that forests are inflammable, in case they never knew it before.

JERRY: Yeah, and we'll want to get the fire squads organized ~~as soon~~ right soon.

JIM: Yes. - I hope these boys take as much interest in fire protection as the bunch we had last summer.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) They were sure smoke hounds on a fire.

JIM: That bunch I had up on the Lost Creek fire was about the best fire crew I ever handled.

JERRY: Yeah, they gave good account of themselves. Captain Welch is going to be in charge of the company again this year, isn't he?

JIM: Yep, I hear he has a new lieutenant with him this time.

JERRY: Well, that's all right with me. That other fellow gave me a pain.

JIM: I thought he was a pretty decent fellow.

JERRY: Well - he was always trying to shine up to Mary.

JIM: (LAUGHS) I see - that pain he gave you was a sort of incentive, eh?

JERRY: No - but I don't like to see a guy make such a sap of himself.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) I don't remember hearing any complaints from Mary.

JERRY: Oh well - you know how women are.

JIM: Go see if the drivers are with their trucks and all ready to load.

JERRY: Okay.

(SOUND OF TRAIN WHISTLE - TRAIN COMING UP AND COMING TO STOP - NOISE AND SHOUTING, OFF, AS BOYS PILE OUT, START SINGING "HAIL HAIL THE GANG'S ALL HERE")

CONFUSION CONTINUES, OFF, THROUGH FOLLOWING)

JERRY: (COMING UP) Everything's okay, Jim - Gee, what a mob --

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yep. So it is - Good looking lot. - Well, here's Captain Welch.



CAPT WELCH: (COMING UP) WELL - how do you do, Mr Robbins?

JIM: How do you do Captain - I'm glad to see you.

CAPT WELCH: It's certainly goin' to seem good to get back to Camp Robbins.

JIM: And we'll sure be glad to have you and the boys back again, Captain -- I see you have a new officer with you.

CAPT WELCH: Yes. Lieutenant Hall has been assigned to our camp.

(RAISING VOICE) Lieutenant Hall --

LIEUT HALL: (COMING UP) Yes sir.

CAPT WELCH: Lieutenant Hall, I'd like to have you meet Forest Ranger Robbins.

LIEUT HALL: Very pleased to meet you, sir.

JIM: Glad to know you, Lieutenant.

CAPT WELCH: And this is Mr Quick, the Assistant Ranger.

LIEUT HALL: How do you do, sir.

MERRY: Glad to know you, Lieutenant.

JIM: Well, the trucks all arrived, Captain - they're all lined up and ready to load.

CAPT WELCH: Good - Lieutenant Hall -

LIEUT HALL: Yes sir.

CAPT WELCH: Load your men in these trucks here.

LIEUT HALL: (GOING OFF) Yes sir.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Right smart lookin' young chap, ain't he?

CAPT WELCH: Very good officer, Mr Robbins.

JIM: Uh-huh - Maybe you'd better have your equipment loaded in these Forest Service trucks, Captain.

CAPT WELCH: Yes sir - (CALLS) Lieutenant Hall --

LIEUT HALL: (OFF) Yes sir.

CAPT WELCH: Equipment will be placed to the Forest Service trucks.

LIEUT HALL: (OFF) Yes sir.

JIM: Well how does it seem to get back to the Pine Cone, Captain?

CAPT WELCH: Really, I'm tickled to death. I didn't realize how much I enjoyed this country until I got down there in the winter camp. I want to bring my family up here this summer so I can find a place for them to live near Camp Robbins.

JIM: That won't be hard to do. I'm pretty sure you can rent one of those cottages in that summer home group up the creek. If you can't find one to suit, you can take out a permit and build one. There's some real nice sites still available up there where you can pipe in running water -- and right close to camp too.

CAPT WELCH: As soon as we get this camp settled, I'd like to go into theatter with you. Are you going up with us today, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: Sure thing, Captain. We kinda want to see if everything is OK.

JERRY: I better ride up with the first truck, Jim.

JIM: Good idea, Jerry --

MARY: (COMING UP) Jerry -- Oh Jerry --

JERRY: Oh, hello Mary - Hello Mrs. Robbins - what are you doing down here?

BESS: Why my land, Jerry everybody in town is down. You and Jim don't think we'd be missing from the crowd down here to see the C.C.C. boys come in, do you?

MARY: Well, you folks will get no answer. I'm sorry I didn't stop to talk to you. (GOING OFF) See you later.

MARY: Why, Mrs. Robbins, whether he's busy or not, he probably ought to have time to say hello just to see us.

BESS: Never mind, Mary. When a stranger's busy, let's very, very, hurry.

MARY: (LAUGHING) So I see - Let's go down a little nearer to the train, Mrs. Robbins.

BESS: Midnight - lead the way.

(PAUSE)

MARY: Goodness, they don't lose any time getting off the train and into those trucks, - do they, Mrs. Robbins?

BESS: No indeed

MARY: It's just like moving a small village.

BESS: It is moving a village, Mary. Why, with ten hundred new campers into Winding Creek like this, the population is almost doubled.

MARY: Oh, isn't it fun? Look, you can tell the older boys from the new ones easy enough, can't you? They look so much healthier and stronger.

BESS: Yes, they've had six months of camp life already, and Jim says, hard work and good food does wonders.

MARY: You know, it must take an awful lot of food for all those boys.

BESS: Yes, Mary, - and Jim says, Winding Creek will benefit in a lot of ways from Camp Robbins. A lot of their food ~~will~~ will be bought right here in this community.

NOISE OF LOADING TRUCKS UP - SHOUTS OF "EVERYBODY IN?" "SHAF INDO IT," ETC.

OFF - NOISE FADES DOWN TO BACKGROUND FOR FOLLOWING)

LIEUT: Say --

VOCES: Yes, Lieutenant.

LIEUT: Say, who is the good looking girl over there - there with that older lady?

VOCES: Over there? Oh, that's Mary Halliday. She's the school teacher here in Winding Creek.

LIEUT: Oh, say, she certainly is attractive, isn't she?

(NOISE OF LOADING TRUCKS UP FOR A FEW SECOUDS: FADES DOWN TO BACKGROUND)

MARY: Oh, Mrs. Robbins, - there's Captain Welch over there -

BESS: Yes, I see --

MARY: And -- Oh, Mrs. Robbins --

BESS: Yes?

MARY: There's another officer there with him - see?

BESS: Yes.

MARY: He's nice looking, isn't he? - I - I wonder who he is?

BESS: He must be the new Lieutenant Jim said was coming up.

MARY: Oh -- Doesn't he look nice in that uniform? - I wish Jerry would wear his Forest Service uniform more - instead of going around in his shirtsleeves and muddy boots the way he does -- I guess it's the difference in occupation, Mary. It would be hard to keep all spic and span on ranger work.

MARY: He's -- he is nice looking, though --

BESS: Who? Jerry?

MARY: That? -- Oh -- yes, of course --

(ROAR OF TRUCKS: CONFUSION AND SHOUTING OFF)

MARY: Oh look! They're starting up the trucks - it's just like a
big parade . . . !

PESS: Oh, there's Jerry in the first truck!

MARY: Oh.

PESS: I wonder where Jim is - Oh, there he is over there. He's
going to ride up with Captain Welch -

MARY: Yes -- and the lieutenant --

(FADEOUT WITH ROAR OF TRUCKS, BOYS SINGING "HAIL, HAIL THE GANG'S ALL HERE")

ANNOUNCER: Well, folks Camp Robins is again going to be a center
of activity. Two hundred young men have gone into the
forest for the summer to do useful work and help render the
woodland of greater service to the country. But did you
notice that handsome young lieutenant that arrived with the
boys? Evidently Mary Holloway did.

Next Friday at this time we'll visit the Pine Cone District
again and see what's going on. This program is a production
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